



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO CODE TALKER JOE VANDEVER, SR.

THE NAVAJO NATION is greatly saddened by the loss of our Diné Warrior Joe Vandever, Sr., a Navajo Code Talker and National Hero; and

WHEREAS, Vandever served in the United States Marine Corps as a Navajo Code Talker beginning in 1943 until his honorable discharge in 1946 during World War II in northern Solomons, Bougainville, Emirau Islands, Guam, Marianas Islands, Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands, Occupation of Japan, and Occupation of China; and

WHEREAS, Vandever was awarded the Congressional Silver Medal in 2001 for his honorable service as a Navajo Code Talker with the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors the late Navajo Code Talker Joe Vandever, Sr. for his service to the Navajo Nation and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his family, friends, and community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation and **I, MYRON LIZER**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff to honor the memory and service of the late Joe Vandever, Sr. from February 3, 2020 through February 6, 2020.

ORDERED THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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